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FROM SONNENFELDT

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SOVIET ACTIONS ON KISSINGER AFRICAN TRIP

REF: SECTO 27155

1. I SPOKE TO VORONTOV TODAY. HE AGAIN TRIED TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN ATTACKS ON SECRETARY AS EMBODIMENT OF US POLICY AND AS AN INDIVIDUAL BUT I TOLD HIM THAT SOVIET ATTACKS HAD CLEARLY AD HOMINEM CHARACTER. VORONTOV THEN SAID HE AGREED WE HAD NOT PERSONALIZED ANY OF OUR CRITICISMS OF SOVIET ACTIONS AND HE WOULD THEREFORE MAKE VERY FORCEFUL REPORT TO MOSCOW OF OUR CONVERSATION. ON BROADER ISSUE OF SOVIET STANCE TOWARD OUR EFFORTS, VORONTOV SAID THEY BELIEVE WE SHOULD BE MUCH MORE DEMANDING ON WHITE REGIMES, BEGINNING WITH PROPOSAL TO HAVE WHITES IN NAMIBIA REMOVED FROM COUNTRY. HE SAID THEY RECOGNIZED THAT THEIR EXTREME STANCE MEANT THAT THEY COULD PLAY NO ROLE IN DIPLOMACY BUT THAT IN THEIR VIEW THIS DISADVANTAGE WAS TEMPORAR

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WHEREAS WE HAD A MOMENTARY ADVANTAGE NOW WHILE SUFFERING

LATER WHEN OUR EFFORTS COLLAPSE. I TOLD HIM THAT THERE WAS LITTLE POINT IN SPECULATING ABOUT LONG AND SHORT-TERM ADVANTAGES BUT IF THERE WAS INDEED GOING TO BE CALAMITOUS RACE WARFARE, CURRENT SOVIET INCITEMENT WILL HAVE CONTRIBUTED ITS SHARE TO THE DISASTER. VORONTSOV SAID ALL REVOLUTIONS INVOLVE BLOODSHED, AS WE SHOULD REMEMBER IN OUR BICENTENNIAL YEAR. I SAID THIS WAS NO REASON TO ENCOURAGE IT AND URGED HIM AGAIN TO TELL MOSCOW TO CUT OUT THE INFLAMMATORY OVERT AND COVERT PROPAGANDA AND THE PERSONAL INVECTIVE.

2. BILL SCRANTON HAS TWICE CALLED ABOUT REPORTED "SENIOR OFFICIAL" COMMENT ABOUT MALIK'S ROLE. SOVIETS IN NEW YORK HAVE RAISED THIS WITH SCRANTON, NOTING MALIK'S TWO-MONTH LONG ABSENCE FROM UN. IF THIS WAS MISTAKE IN TRAVELING PRESS REPORT OR IF YOU HAVE ANY OTHER LIGHT I CAN SHED ON THIS FOR SCRANTON'S BENEFIT, PLEASE LET ME KNOW. ROBINSON

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